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Celebrate President's Day with Free Admission to Lava Beds!

TULELAKE, California—To celebrate the connections between our national leaders and national parks, all 401 National Park Service sites will have free admission during President's Day weekend, February 15-17. "Every U.S. president has visited, resided in, or been honored in a national park," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit have unique connections to presidents. Each was designated by presidential proclamation and both have a history of bipartisan support. Lava Beds, designated in 1925, was established by Republican Calvin Coolidge. Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal brought improvements to the remote park through the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. The 1964 Wilderness Act, passed during Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, established the need to protect wild places within federal lands. Richard Nixon signed the legislation that created Lava Beds' wilderness designation in October 1972. George W. Bush established the Tule Lake Unit as part of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument in December 2008.

"Visiting a national park is a great way to connect to history, nature and just have fun," says Lava Beds and Tule Lake Superintendent Mike Reynolds. "We encourage everyone to visit. There is something for everyone."

President Gerald R. Ford even worked as a National Park Service park ranger in Yellowstone National Park during the summer of 1936. He is the only American President to have served as a park ranger in the National Park Service.

Take the advice of Theodore Roosevelt – perhaps the president most associated with national parks – and visit one of America's special places. In his words, "There can be nothing in the world more beautiful than the Yosemite, the groves of the giant sequoias and redwoods, the Canyon of the

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Colorado, the Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Three Tetons; and our people should see to it that they are preserved for their children and their children's children forever, with their majestic beauty all unmarred."

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8100, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe.

The Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, established in 2008, is a nationally significant site dedicated to telling the story of the cost of war on the home front and the lasting effects of the unjust incarceration of over 29,000 US citizens and long-term residents of Japanese ancestry at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

For more information about visiting the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, call 530-260-0537, email tule_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/tule.

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